

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1- 2 (canceled)

1           **Claim 3 (currently amended):**   An electronic part  
2   supplying tape used in a tape feeder arranged in a part  
3   supplying portion of an electronic part mounting apparatus,  
4   for holding electronic parts on a ~~tape-like~~ tape member at  
5   a constant pitch and for supplying the electronic parts,  
6   comprising:  
7           a first connecting portion formed on a first end  
8   portion of a first ~~tape-like~~ tape member;  
9           a second connecting portion formed on a second end  
10   portion of the first ~~tape-like~~ tape member, to be connected  
11   to a first connecting portion formed on a first end of a  
12   second ~~tape-like~~ tape member;  
13           an alignment means for positioning the first  
14   connecting portion of the second ~~tape-like~~ tape member and  
15   the second connecting portion of the first ~~tape-like~~ tape  
16   member in a longitudinal direction, a width direction and  
17   a thickness direction of the ~~tape-like~~ tape members, and  
18           a holding means for holding the first connecting  
19   portion of the second ~~tape-like~~ tape member and the second

20 connecting portion of the first ~~tape-like~~ tape member to  
21 each other,

22 wherein the first ~~tape-like~~ tape member and the second  
23 ~~tape-like~~ tape member are connectable by connecting the  
24 first connecting portion of second ~~tape-like~~ tape member  
25 and second connecting portion of the first ~~tape-like~~ tape  
26 member,

27 wherein the first connecting portion of the second  
28 ~~tape-like~~ tape member and the second connecting portion of  
29 the first ~~tape-like~~ tape member are formed by coupling a  
30 locking member attachment and a locked member attachment  
31 respectively at the end portions of the ~~tape-like~~ tape  
32 members, and the locking member and the locked member  
33 constitute the alignment means.

**Claim 4-6 (canceled)**

1 **Claim 7 (original):** An electronic part supplying tape  
2 according to Claim 3, wherein the electronic part supplying  
3 tape is supplied by being wound around a supply reel in a  
4 state of containing the electronic part in the recessed  
5 portion.

**Claim 8-9 (canceled)**